

# **Silas Clark Civil War letters**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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## Biographical Note

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Silas Clark, from Peru, Miami County, Indiana, was mustered into service on June 19, 1861. He was commissioned as a first lieutenant on June 3, 1863. At the time of the reorganization of Company B of the 13th Infantry Regiment of the Indiana Volunteers, he was transferred to that unit, then subsequently promoted to the rank of captain of Company A. Captain Silas Clark was mustered out on September 5, 1865 at the expiration of his term of service.

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## Scope and Contents

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For the most part, the collection consists of both positive and negative images of letters written by Silas Clark to David Williams and David Charters from 1861 to 1865. Little attention is given to camp life, the emphasis falling more to details of battle. Specific geographic references are given (e.g. Grafton, city of Buchanan, Huttonville, Clarksburgh, Wheeling, Rich Mountain, Monogahela River, Pensacola) although the names of states are commonly omitted. Names of persons are also provided (e.g. Major Burton, John C. Smith, Donaldson). Specific references to Generals Lee and Grant, along with hopes for the taking of Richmond, appear in the letters of November 2, 1864 and May 25, 1864(?). Specific regiments are sometimes named, along with numbers of forces, numbers of wounded, and numbers of the dead. One letter comments extensively on the local politics of the time.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## **Processing Information**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 13th (1861-1865).

### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Peru (Ind.)

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865